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SUBJECT: EMILIO DE IPOLA

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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS, MR. AND MRS. EMILIO DE IPOLA, ALONG WITH ARGENTINE JOURNALIST EDUARDO MOLINA Y VEDIA, WERE ARRESTED BY ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE ON APRIL 7. BUENOS AIRES HERALD OF 14 APRIL REPORTS THAT A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES ON BEHALF OF THE DE IPOLA'S. ACCORDING TO MOLINA Y VEDIA'S COLLEAGUES AT LA OPINION, HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN SHARING APARTMENT WITH DE IPOLA'S AND ALL 3 WERE ON PREMISES WHEN POLICE CAME. JOURNALISTS AT LA OPINION FURTHER STATE THAT MOLINA Y VEDIA HAS IN THE PAST BEEN ENGAGED IN LEFTIST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND THAT HIS ARREST CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO HIS COLLEAGUES.

2. RE PRESS ACCOUNTS THAT RICHARD WHITECROSS CLAIMED THAT ARGENTINE POLICE WERE TORTURERS, MURDERERS, AND INHUMAN PEOPLE, ETC., BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT WHITECROSS MADE NO SUCH COMPLAINTS TO BRITISH OFFICIALS EITHER DURING TIME OF HIS INCARCERATION OR AT AIRPORT AT TIME OF HIS DEPORTATION AND, INDEED, THEY WERE SURPRISED TO SEE HIS COMMENTS IN PRESS.

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